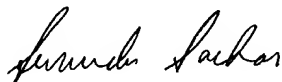


REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are active in the present application. Claims 3-6 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--3. (Amended) The antimicrobial organic polymer material of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the unit derived from an N-alkyl-N-vinylalkylamide is derived from one or more polymerizable monomers selected from N-vinylpyrrolidone, 1-vinyl-2-piperidone, N-vinyl-N-methylacetamide, N-vinyl-N-ethylacetamide, N-vinyl-N-methyl propylamide, N-vinyl-N-ethyl propylamide and derivatives thereof.

4. (Amended) The antimicrobial organic polymer material of [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1 wherein the polymer substrate is composed of a polyolefin-based organic polymer.

5. (Amended) The antimicrobial organic polymer material of [any one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1 in the form selected from a fiber, a woven/nonwoven fabric which is a fiber assembly and processed products thereof, fiber chips, beads, nets, films, plate members and bulk members.

6. (Amended) An antimicrobial filter comprising the antimicrobial organic polymer material of [any one of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1.--